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Patterson and LaJoy: Ford/Beck Road intersection improvements will go forward

*Transportation project will mean economic stimulation and job
opportunities for Wayne County*

Legislative Republicans today announced an agreement with the governor's office to restore or advance transportation projects providing jobs and economic opportunities for many communities statewide. The projects include congestion relief, safety improvements, public transportation initiatives and recreational facilities.

State Rep. Phil LaJoy, chair of the House Transportation Committee, said the announcement is good news for Canton because one agreed-upon project will help facilitate traffic around the new Ikea location. The project will complete safety and intersection improvements at the at the Ford Road and Beck Road interchange.

"This project is very important to our community because it will help drivers move safely and easily around an area that has been a cause of great frustration and concern," said LaJoy, R-Canton. "We need to do everything we can to encourage companies to come to Michigan. This agreement shows we are willing to work with them to help their business grow and move their customers safely."

State Sen. Bruce Patterson also applauded the transportation agreement.

“I have watched Canton grow from a tiny, rural community to a bustling suburb with burgeoning commercial life,” said Patterson, R-Canton. “We need this improvement to catch up with our present, and prepare for our future. Everyone will benefit from safer traffic flow.”

Gov. Granholm said: “Today’s announcement is about driving job creation in Michigan and paving the way for growth all across our state. From going anywhere and doing anything to attract jobs to Michigan, to investing in the infrastructure that supports commerce, we have a targeted economic road map, and it’s moving Michigan in the right direction.”

The Legislature will implement the legislation needed for these projects in the next few weeks.

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